

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Office Action of June 23, 2009, Claim 1 was rejected, claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9-12 were objected to, and claims 13 and 14 were allowed. While claim 1 was rejected with regard to the Wada reference, (i.e. WO 03/009314 A1), it was indicated that claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9-12 were objected to as being depended upon a rejected claim, i.e. claim 1, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, i.e. claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and combined it with each of dependent claims 2, 3, and 4 that previously depended from claim 1. It is thus respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 2, 3, and 4 in containing the subject matter of claim 1 are now allowable. Remaining dependent claims 6, 7, and 9-12 depend directly or indirectly from amended claims 2, 3, and 4 and hence are allowable. Claims 13 and 14 have been indicated as being allowable.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9-14 are allowable.

If any obstacles still remain with regard to the issuance of a notice of allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney so that any remaining obstacles can be removed.

It is submitted that inasmuch as no indication has been set forth by the Patent Office with regard to any objections concerning the drawings, it is deemed that the same are acceptable. If this is not the case, a telephone call to the undersigned is earnestly solicited so that the necessary drawing objections can be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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